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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of)
Ryan McFarland)
App. Number: 10/807,980)
Filed: 03/23/2004)
For: Shopping Cart Extender)

Date: May 2, 2006
Art Unit: 3618
Examiner: Frank Vanaman

RESPONSE

Mail Stop: Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Greetings:

The following is in response to the communication from the Examiner dated 03/01/2006, in which all 12 claims of the above application were rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC Section 112 and 103(a).

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 is respectfully requested.

Specification

The Examiner objected to the abstract of the disclosure on the grounds that the sentence "Embodiments of a shopping cart extender are disclosed" is redundant and should be deleted. In response to this objection, Applicant amends the abstract of the disclosure as follows.

Please amend the abstract of the disclosure of the specification as follows:

[Embodiments of a shopping cart extender are disclosed.] The shopping cart extender may be affixed to the top front of a conventional shopping cart such that it may be engaged in a vertical position such that the top of the shopping cart extender is level with the top of the handle of the shopping cart. When the extender is in an upright position, it forms a securing surface which is level with the rear of the cart and has side holders such that materials may be securely carried on the top of the cart and not slide off. The shopping cart extender is rotatable such that it rotates back into the shopping cart and does not interfere when the shopping cart is nested with another shopping cart.